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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Planning Conference Delegates

"In February 1969 one hundred people, representing every geographic region and ethnic group in the Territories, met for three days in Yellowknife to decide the objectives and theme of our Centennial and to develop an overall implementation plan."

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CENTENNIAL SYMBOL

The Centennial Symbol is circular in design depicting three figures in black on a white field. The figures are encircled by blue lettering on a white background with the words "NORTHWEST TERRITORIES — CENTENNIAL 1970".

The three figures in black are portrayed with "linked hands" to reflect our Centennial Theme of "UNITY." The figures represent the three broad geographic regions of Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin as well as the three major ethnic groups, Eskimo, Indian and other Canadians who live and work in the Territories.

CENTENNIAL OBJECTIVES

To foster "UNITY" among all the peoples of our Territories.

To develop an awareness of our "PASTS" and the sharing of our "FUTURE."

To encourage Canadian awareness of a "NEW POLITICAL REALITY" in the North.

To promote increased "KNOWLEDGE" of the Territories as "CANADA OF THE NORTH."

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THE CENTENNIAL MEDALLION

A Northwest Territories Commemorative Centennial Medallion has been struck with the Centennial symbol on one side and the Northwest Territories' coat of arms on the other side with the words "Northwest Territories Canada" encircling the crest and "1870 - 1970" on each side of the coat of arms.

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Bronze medallion is packaged with the history of Centennial '70. Silver medallion is packaged in a presentation box.

DECEMBER 31, 1969

THE EVE OF CENTENNIAL

All across the Northwest Territories, people rang in Centennial Year with prayers and celebrations.

Fort Smith's buffalo burgers, bonfire, fireworks and midnight church services were typical of southern Mackenzie Centennial Eve observances.

Broughton Island, on the Baffinland east coast, held a torchlight church service. All the lights switched off at Whale Cove, on the west coast of Hudson Bay, and each resident carried a candle to the Community Hall where it was lighted in a demonstration of united effort. Old buildings and refuse from a community clean-up fed the Fort Simpson bonfire.

Hay River staged a spectacular opening of its Ben Sivertz Arena.

About 5 p.m., the Hon. Jean Chretien arrived in the Territorial Capital of Yellowknife. He joined N.W.T. Commissioner Stuart Hodgson and Yellowknife Mayor Fred Henne in a bonfire lighting, fireworks display and a torchlight trail ride by snowmobile.

Four Centennial Eve dances were held in the Capital and a Centennial Eve reception was held for the Minister at 11 p.m.

CENTENNIAL LEAD-OFF IN THE KEEWATIN REGION

Centennial drama was previewed in the Eastern Arctic December 26-29 at Rankin Inlet's spectacular Winter Carnival.

Dazzling snow, crunching cold air and bustling people involved in multi events were the components of Centennial magnificence at the dawn of 1970.

Curlers, snowmobile racers, and traditional games competitors gathered here from the eight Keewatin settlements. Aircraft skimmed onto runways constantly delivering competitors and officials.

The results are now history, but people of the Keewatin are still talking about those that won, and those who almost made it. Centennial Newsletter writers are proud to publish the results of this gala event, a brilliant send-off for Centennial Year!

CENTENNIAL BLASTOFF FOR HOLMAN ISLAND

The traditional blast of shot-guns and rifles welcomed in the New Year. Added to this was a vivid display of sparklers carried by excited children. A dance and feast followed at the school for the greater part of the night.

On New Year's Day, the big race of the holiday took place. This was a dog-team race over a rugged inland course extending about thirty-five miles. Seven dog teams were entered. Most had nine to eleven dogs. In this part of the Arctic, they are hitched in tandem with a lead dog out front. It was daylight when they took off, but quite dark when they returned. Alan Joss came in first to win $50.00. He was followed by Walter Olifi winning $35.00 and George Okheena third to take $25.00.

Races had been held every day during the holiday. On Christmas Day, George Okheena

won the first prize of $25.00, Maurice Neglyak was second, and David Avilingak, a nine year old boy was third.

In women's races, Mabel Kapotaoum was first, A. Nanogak second, and R. Kivikhak third. In the men's races with women passengers, Alan Joss was first, Maurice Niglyok second, Walter Olife third.

Chretien's Visit

On Sunday, January 3rd, a dark sky and high wind made the landing of the DC-3 with government guests a hazardous venture. Flare pots would not stay lit. As the plane kept circling all skidoo owners roared onto the airstrip and lit up the landing area with their headlights. Northern Affairs Minister Chretien and Commissioner Hodgson as well as Bud Orange the N.W.T. M.P. spoke briefly to the Holman people at a meeting in the school. After a visit to the Holman Co-op and cup of tea, the visitors were once again safely sent on their way by the co-operation of the people, in lighting the strip with skidoos.

RIFLES, FIREWORKS AND DOG TEAMS

Approximately 300 people gathered along the river bank to watch the Centennial Bonfire usher in year 1970 in Fort McPherson.

Many of the McPhersonites brought the Centennial New Year in with a "bang", not only with the usual 30-30 variety but also with fireworks ranging from sparkle sticks to mini-rockets which sent showers of brilliant colors up 100 feet or more.

Many individuals were still celebrating New Year's Eve on New Year's Day and as a result the Centennial Dog Team Race was one hour late in starting. As this is Centennial Year, Fort McPherson put on a Centennial Purse of $100.00 to be divided among the three top finishers in the race. This year each participant was charged a $5.00 fee which was to be part of the total purse.

George Niditchi from Arctic Red River won the first prize of $50.00.

Neil Colin of McPherson won the 2nd prize which was worth $35.00 and Abe Koe Jr. from Fort McPherson won 3rd prize money of $25.00. In all it was a very successful Centennial Dog Team Race.

CROWDS JAM ARENA IN HAY RIVER

They could have used two arenas to hold the crowd which swarmed to the grand opening and dedication of the B. G. Sivertz Sports Centre New Year's Eve.

As estimated 2,000 persons were in the building for the opening ceremonies, entertainment and dance. So great was the crowd that many never did get to see the events in the arena portion of the building, but had to be satisfied with munching hot dogs and drinking pop or canned beer in the lobby until the dance got underway on the ice surface.

Mr. Sivertz, former Commissioner of the N.W.T., said the naming of the sports centre after him was one of the greatest honours which could have been bestowed on him.

An Indian drum dance got the evening off to a lively start.

Exhibitions of baton twirling, figure skating and hockey followed, with a highlight of the evening being the appearance of the Hay River Centennial Choir, under the direction of Bob Jackson.

The Hay River choir has made a long-play recording of Centennial songs, and the song "North of Sixty" has been declared the official Centennial song by Commissioner Hodgson.

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THE COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL GRANT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Community Centennial Grant Program is to encourage communities to develop Centennial projects or events of their own choice, and to provide some financial assistance for them.

Only ONE Grant is provided to each community. Application for the Grant can be made at any time between June 15, 1969 and July 31, 1970 in whole or in part, but Community Centennial Committees are urged to apply as early as possible.

The size of the Grant depends on:

(a) The willingness and ability of the community to raise a share of the cost in money, labour or donated materials.

(b) The community population—Due to the difficulties inherent in raising money in the smaller communities the size of the grant is in inverse ratio to the population, ranging from $2.00 to match each dollar raised by communities under 1,000 population to $0.50 to match each dollar raised by communities over 2,000 population.

Since some communities are in better position to raise money than others the Grant cannot match the amount the community can raise without some limit. This limit has been set at the equivalent of $1.00 for each member of the community.

The above limit does not apply to communities of under 100 population. For these communities the Grant will provide $2.00 to match each dollar raised by the community in cash, labour or materials, up to a maximum of $200.00.

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AKLAVIK

January 31—Area Snowmobile Race (Heats)

February 21—Centennial Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championship in Inuvik.

February—Centennial Curling Bonspiel.

February 28—Centennial CBC Search for Talent Competitions in Inuvik.

April 5—Mad Trapper's Rendezvous.

April 17—Western Region Dog Sled Mail Run. (Women's Institute are making decorative dog blankets for this mail run and are sponsoring two additional teams to escort the mail run to Inuvik.)

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Sports Day.

July 25—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race. Indian band will sponsor a meeting of Indians from northern Mackenzie.

Eskimo Drum Dance in the evening to welcome visitors expected with canoes.

Women's Institute will sponsor a Handicraft exhibit.

Community Association plans to restore an old Trading Post to be used as a craft centre and later as a museum.

The construction of an outdoor hockey rink.

Centennial Tree planting by school children and local groups.

Opening of Centennial Library.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

ARCTIC BAY

March 19—Centennial CBC Search for Talent Regional Competitions in Resolute Bay.

April 5—Church Services.

April 7—Skidoo and dog team races.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championship at Frobisher Bay.

April, May—Canon Turner Memorial Trip.

May 11—Many boys going out hunting.

May 15—Church Services.

May 16—Games for everyone in the community.

May 29—Games and dances.

June 19—Summer games.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 13—Games for older people.

July 18—Putting up Inukshuks.

August 3—More games.

Building a kayak.

Building of an old type Innuit turf house.

Completion of the Community Hall.

School Fine Arts Program.

ARCTIC RED RIVER

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

February 28—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.

April 12—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 23—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.

Completion of the Community Hall.

School Fine Arts Program.

BAKER LAKE

February 21—Centennial CBC Search for Talent.

March 5—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

April 2—Departure of Baker Lake to Yellowknife Skidoo Expedition.

April 18—Eastern Dogsled Mail Run—Finish.

April 30—Return of Baker Lake to Yellowknife Skidoo Expedition.

April 30—Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstration.

Hair Styling Course.

Common furnace room, washrooms, snack bar and cloak rooms for the library and curling club.

Junior section of Arctic Winter Games.

Exchange of young people with the Young Voyageurs.

Climb a mountain.

Build an Eskimo house.

Musical Group.

Kayak building.

Igloo building.

Komatik building.
Ice Sculptures.
School Fine Arts Program.
Leadership Conference.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

BATHURST INLET

March 1—Central Arctic Coast Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

BAYCHIMO

March 1—Central Arctic Coast Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

BELCHER ISLANDS

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

Centennial Air Drop of messages, greetings, small gifts.

Centennial Souvenir Items.

School Fine Arts Program.

Official change of name ceremonies of South Camp to its traditional name (meaning image of a lake).

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

BROUGHTON ISLAND

December 31—Torchlight parade, Watchnight Service, New Year's Eve Fireworks.

January 1—Men's skidoo races, evening talent show, New Year's Ball.

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

February 6—Indoor games, Centennial Ball.

March 30—Spring Games, Spring Prom.

April 18—Arts and Crafts Fair.

April 19—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships at Frobisher Bay.

May 2—Hudson's Bay Co. Celebrations

May 18—24-Hour Seal Hunt and Seal Skinning Contest.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 21—Midnight Weiner Roast.

July 15—Home-coming Ball Games.

August 31—Centennial Inookshook.

September 12—Water Carnival.

October 12—Thanksgiving Dinner.

November 11—Special Remembrance Day Service.

December 31—Fireworks, Torchlight Parade, Watchnight Service.

Student exchange.

School Fine Arts Program.

CAMBRIDGE BAY

March 7—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 21—Centennial CBC Search for Talent.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 21—R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

Student Exchange with Dartmouth, N.S.

School Centennial Year Book.

Ice Boat.

Street Signs.

Travel Exchange.

Playground.

Centennial Clothing.

Three dimensional models of Centennial symbol.

Tourist Promotion brochure.

School Fine Arts Program.

CAPE DORSET

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

April 19—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships at Frobisher Bay.

School Fine Arts Program.

The assembly of a complete set of the tools, equipment, clothing, etc., associated with the pre-settlement days of the Cape Dorset Eskimos.

Every organization in Dorset has a Centennial event planned for the participation of the entire population.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

CHESTERFIELD INLET

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

April (late)—Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run Finish.

Ladies group is producing a "Centennial Quilt".

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

CHURCHILL

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

March 5—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 9-15—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

April 13—Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 8-16—National Boy Scout Jamboree.

Churchill Vocational Collegiate.

Students wish to expand their yearbook for 1970.

Eskimo Ballet (Participants from all Keewatin settlements.)

School Fine Arts Program.

CLYDE RIVER

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

April 19—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.

A movie projector and screen for the Community Hall.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

COLVILLE LAKE

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Regional Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

March 7—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 20—Exchange visit to Fort Good Hope to take part in Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race celebration.

Moss Teepee—typical of the native housing once used.

Hunting Canoe—Hand built.

School Fine Arts Program.

CORAL HARBOUR

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

May—Large Canadian Armed Forces Exercise (Viking).

Construction of Community Hall.

Playground.

Collection of Eskimo Games.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

COPPERMINE

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 27-29—Easter Carnival.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—First of July Sports Day.

July 15—N.W.T. Day, Students Party, Old Folks Drum Dance.

August 7—Participation in Franklin Overland Re-enactment Completion Celebrations.

September 7—Arctic Char Fishing Contest—Picnic at Bloody Falls. Everyone welcome but bring your own boat.

October 31—All Children's Hallowe'en Party at Community Hall.

November 11—Centennial Church Service, all churches. Remembrance Day.

Fireworks for special Christmas or New Year's Celebrations.

Centennial School Yearbook.

Centennial Community Centre.

Formation of a Drama Club.

Snow houses (tents in summer) as tourist attraction.

Cairn erected where Samuel Hearne first saw the Coronation Gulf.

Improve existing museum.

Local Radio Station.

Gathering of Eskimo Legends.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

DETAH

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships at Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Handicraft Display Centre.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

ECHO BAY (PORT RADIUM)

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 7—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.

March 19-22—Centennial Bonspiel with entertainment provided by contestants from CBC Centennial Search for Talent.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

ENTERPRISE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 7—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

ESKIMO POINT

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

April 28—Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstrations.

April 5—Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.
Soapstone carving of an Eskimo to be erected in the community.
Convert old airstrip into racing track for skidoos.
Community Hall, Curling Rink.
Eskimo Cultural Development.
Museum, to be built from an old building.
Eskimo Point Post Card.
Eskimo Point Note Paper Centennial Book—to tell the story of Eskimo Point.
Centennial Baby Prize—to first baby born after July 15, 1970.
School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

EUREKA

The Centennial project of the Meteorological Station in Eureka is an imaginative "Miss Eureka Contest" which they have undertaken in co-operation with British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC). In co-operation with the Captains of BOAC polar flights to Japan, they have made arrangements to talk to the stewardesses by radio. Details of the rules are not yet too clear but presumably contestants will be judged on their radio personalities and such other information as they may see fit to divulge.

FORT FRANKLIN

February 21—Inuvik Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

March 1—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.

Youth Travel to Edmonton.

School Fine Arts Program.

April—Trappers Festival — skidoo and dog races, general sports, i.e. snowshoe races.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Big Celebration—old style fish camp —sod house for Tourists and possible visit to Fort Norman.

July 16 (?)—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race arrival in Fort Norman. (Exchange Visit).

July-August—Jerry Mazer and Lionel Regnier, teachers to build 26' cruiser to travel Mackenzie from Fort Franklin to Fort McMurray.

FORT GOOD HOPE

December 31—12 Midnight—Speech by a local youth on Centennial followed by a church service. After church a torch parade to the skating rink for mukluk dance and bonfire.

January 1—Drum dance and stick gambling by older people.

February—Western Regional Dogsled Mail.

February 14—Valentine Dance.

February—Bring a group from Inuvik to have a Teen Dance.

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

February 28—Crib Tournament.

March 5—Day for skidoo racing.

March 7—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.

March 29—Bake Sale.

March 30—Children's Sports Day and Dance.

April 1—Dog Team Race and Adult Sports Day and Dance.

April 7—Dogsled Mail Run.

May 11—Mother's Day Dinner for the Old Timers (Brownies).

May 23—Bake Sale, May Queen Day and Dance.

June—Community Walkathon, Picnic and bonfire.

June—Father's Day picnic and bonfire and drum dance.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1-2—Sports Day, Name the Park Contest.

July—Canoe races, ball tournament.

July 20—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.

August 15—A new bell to be raised to start a new 100 years. The bell in the church is now 100 years old. We will ask the Bishop to come and bless the bell.

September—Official opening of the Museum and Craft Building, Amateur Show, judging the "Name the Hall" Contest.

October 1—Community Bingo.

October 12—Thanksgiving Service.

October 31—Hallowe'en Dance.

November 11—Armistice Day Commemorating Service.

December 25—Christmas Concert and Dance.

December 31—Torch Parade from skating rink back to church for Midnight Mass.

Washhouse with shower room.

Community Hall.

Swimming Pool.

Restore old building for a Museum and Arts and Crafts Centre.

Instruments for a band.

School Fine Arts Program.

FORT LIARD

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

FORT McPHERSON

January 1—Rifle shooting, Centennial Feast, dances and men's dog race.

January 2—Women's Institute Feast, women's dog race, Old Time Dance.

January 24—Local Skidoo Race.

February 9—12 Mile Snowshoe Race.

February 14—Farewell Dance for Dawson Patrol.

February 16—Dawson Patrol to start 500 mile trip to Dawson, Yukon.

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

February 28—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.

March 14—Fort McPherson "Welcome Wagon" to Dawson City.

March 30-31—Fitzgerald Carnival.

April—Open and Mixed Bonspiel.

April 14—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

April 15-30—Local people extend special welcome to visitors with field trips to Delta and mountains by dog team—small charge to cover cost.

May—Exchange visit with Toronto Youth Group.

May 2—Hudson's Bay Company 300th Anniversary Celebrations.

June 20—Centennial Bingo.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 22—Old Time Football Game.

July 1—Sports Day and Fleming Hall Feast.

July 2—Water Carnival.

July 4—Loucheux Village to be opened 4 miles up Peel River.

July 24—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race Celebrations.

August—Special Welcome to Tourists with Boat Trips.

August 8—Centennial Baseball Game.

September 7—Labour Day Feast and Celebration.

October 12—Thanksgiving Service.

November 11—Special Remembrance Day Service.

December 31—Watch Night Service to end 1970.

FORT NORMAN

December 31, 1969—Centennial Dance and Bonfire.

January 1—Centennial Drum Dance.

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

March 1—Centennial Sports Day Winter Talent Show.

March 7—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Norman Wells.

April 1—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

May-June—Centennial Breakup Dance.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Centennial Sports Day—Summer.

July 16—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race and Exchange visit of Fort Franklin.

August 3—Centennial Day.

October 31—Centennial Hallowe'en Dance.

November—Centennial Freezeup Dance.

December—Centennial Christmas Party.

December 31—"Au Revoir" Centennial Dance.

Supper for old folks.

Skating Rink.

Curling Rink.

Community Centre — in conjunction with Com. Soc.

Spring Cleanup.

Picnic Site: Clean up, Trail, etc. 1 or 2 sites.

Sign for "Old Fort Point" original settlement.

Sign for Fort Norman.

Sports Field—Fastball, soccer, etc.

Bank sign "Fort Norman, N.W.T."—white-washed rocks.

Anglican Church—restoration.

FORT PROVIDENCE

December 31—Bonfire, Dance, Fireworks.

January 1—New Year's Day Tea Dance.

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snow-mobile Championships in Pine Point.

March—Winter Carnival—sports, races, dance.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

March 21—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

May—Community Picnic.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July—Treaty Day—Tea Dance.

July 9—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

Start of Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.

Unveiling of Historic Site by Her Majesty.

Mackenzie Barbecue.

August—Fish Derby.
Centennial Baseball Tournament.

November—Hallowe'en Dance.

December 31—New Year's Eve Farewell Dance and Fireworks.

Bonfire.

Building of a six-man freight canoe to accompany the Flotilla down the river during the Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.

School Fine Arts Program.

FORT RELIANCE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

April 19—Arrival of Baker Lake to Yellowknife Skidoo Expedition Festivities.

Collection of hunting and trapping stories.

Stone Cairn with plaque bearing the names of the present residents.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

FORT RESOLUTION

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 17—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

April 4—Official Opening of Community Hall.
School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

FORT SIMPSON

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championship in Pine Point.

March—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1-15—Centennial Ball.
Talent Show.

July 12—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race

July 13—Unveiling Historic Site as the oldest settlement.

July 13-15—Summer Invitational Junior Elementary Track Meet.

Art collection by N.W.T. artists only, for display in suitable local public place.

Brochures printed of Native Legends.

Beautification of Town.

Reprinting of "Trapping is My Life" by John Tsetso.

Barbecue factilities, Trailer Park and Camp Grounds.

Improvements to embankment approaching Town.

Museum and Library.
Tidying up town dump.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

FORT SMITH

December 31—Midnight Church Service.

January 1—Pot Luck Feast.

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships at Pine Point.

March 2-3—Ice Fishing Derby.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 15—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

March 20-22—Wood Buffalo Frolics.

April 9—Centennial Penitential Procession.

May 16—Centennial Walkathon.
Weekend Manisphere 99.

June 12—Unveiling of Historic Site commemorating the Bell Rock Portage.

June 16-17-18-19—Olympiada—Athletic, Cultural, General Para Drop.

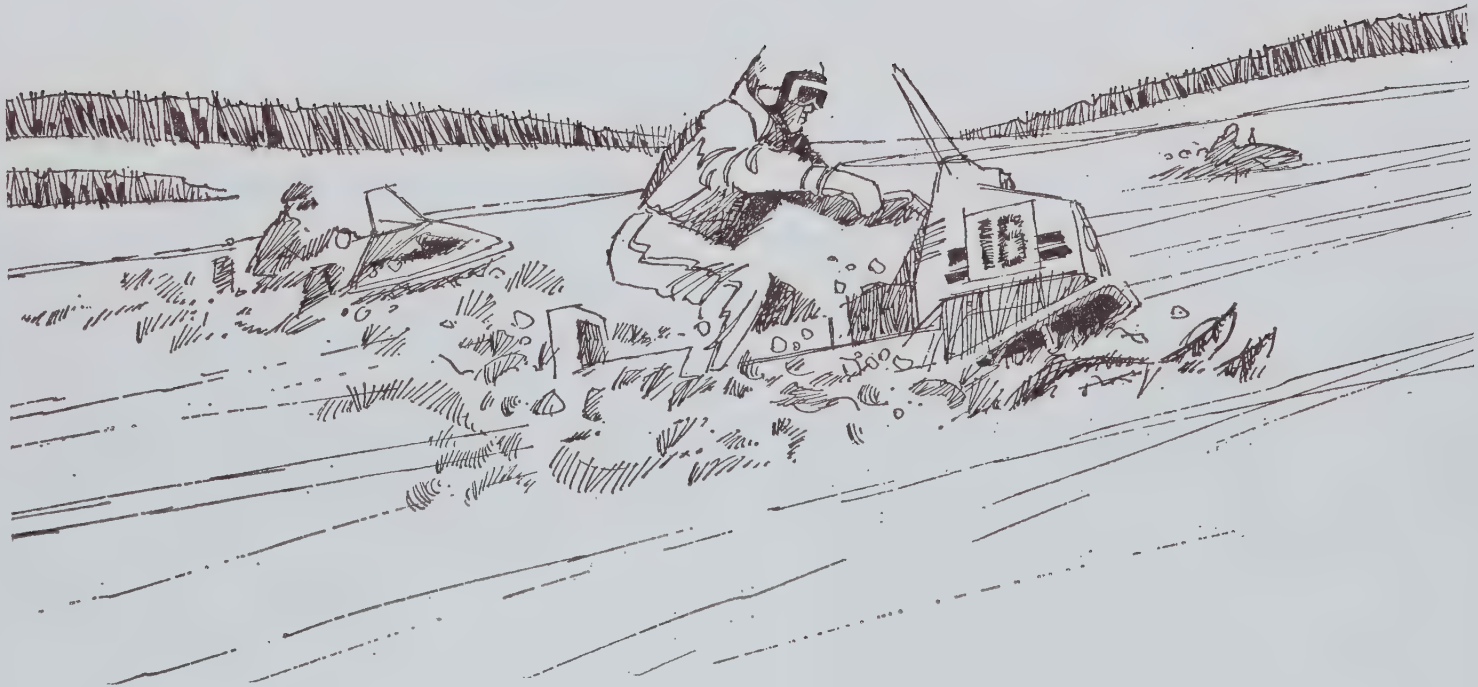
June 18—R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Centennial Day.

July 8—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 19—Centennial Sunday.
Thanksgiving Service.



Arctic Fly-In.

Youth Centre.

Handicraft Centre.

School Fine Arts Program.

FROBISHER BAY

December 31—Church Services.

January 1—Ikaluit Hall Celebrations.

January—Centennial Curling Bonspiel.

February 6—Open House Adult Education Centre.

February 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

February—Trials for Play-offs of Arctic Winter Games.

February 27—Baha'i Celebrations.

February 28—FARA Ladies' Club Sale.

March—A. E. Competition Best Made Embroidered Mitts.

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent.

March 27-30—Easter Celebrations, Ikaluit Hall.

April—Bell Telephone Celebrations.

April 18-27—Toonik Tyme.

April 18—Baffin Regional Snowmobile Race.

April 27—N.W.T. Centennial Snowmobile Championships.

May 1-2—Hudson's Bay Company Tercentennial Celebrations.

May—Fire Department—Demonstrations.

May—Swimming Gala.

May—Hospital Celebrations.

June—A. E. Sale and Party.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 27—Peetakvik Exhibition.

July 1—Apex Hill Community Association Celebrations.

July 5-6—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 19—Centennial Sunday.

July—Open House—DOT Airport Branch, Telecommunications and Weather Office.

August—A. E. Clam Digging Competition.

September—Rifle Shooting Competition.

October—A. E. Bread and Bannock making Competition.

November—A. E. Most Attractive Parka Competition.

November 11—Remembrance Day Service.

December—Christmas Bonspiel.

December 31—Church Services.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

GJOA HAVEN

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

A new movie projector for the new Community Hall.

Equipment for the community washhouse.
School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

GRISE FIORD

January 1—Skidoo Race.
Centennial Feast and Dance.

February 4—Centennial Valentine Bingo and Dance.

March—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Resolute Bay.

March 17—Old Eskimo Games.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.

May 24—Seal Hunt and Dance.

June, July—Kayak Building.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 20—Kayak Race, Traditional Drum Dance

August 1—Centennial Dance.

September 5—Kabloona Days.

December—Christmas Pageant.
School Fine Arts Program.

HALL BEACH

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championship in Frobisher Bay.
School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

HAY RIVER

December 31—Midnight Opening of the Centennial Arena with dancing, hockey, curling and swimming.

January 15 - March 21—Ookpik Feather Contest.

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent.

Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

March 19 - 21—Ookpik Days.

March 20—Snowmobile Race from Yellowknife to Hay River.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 17—R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June—D.O.T. Coastguard Day display.

HOLMAN ISLAND

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championship in Cambridge Bay.

Community Hall.

Souvenir print by Kalvak.

A permanent art exposition in the new Co-op.

A mosaic map of the Holman area.

Reconstruction of an Eskimo Igloo Village.

The erection of inuksuk.

Souvenir "Minitigi".

Skidoo repair shop.

Laundry house and equipment.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

Publish "The Ulu" a newspaper about Victoria Island and nearby settlements. (In English and Eskimo languages).

Spring Safari by dog teams and snowmobiles to Sachs Harbour.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

IGLOOLIK

January 1—Dance with drum dances first and may last till 2:00 in the morning. Also other games.

March 6—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

April—Canon Turner Memorial Trip.

April 19—Baffin Region Centennial Snowmobile Race in Frobisher Bay.

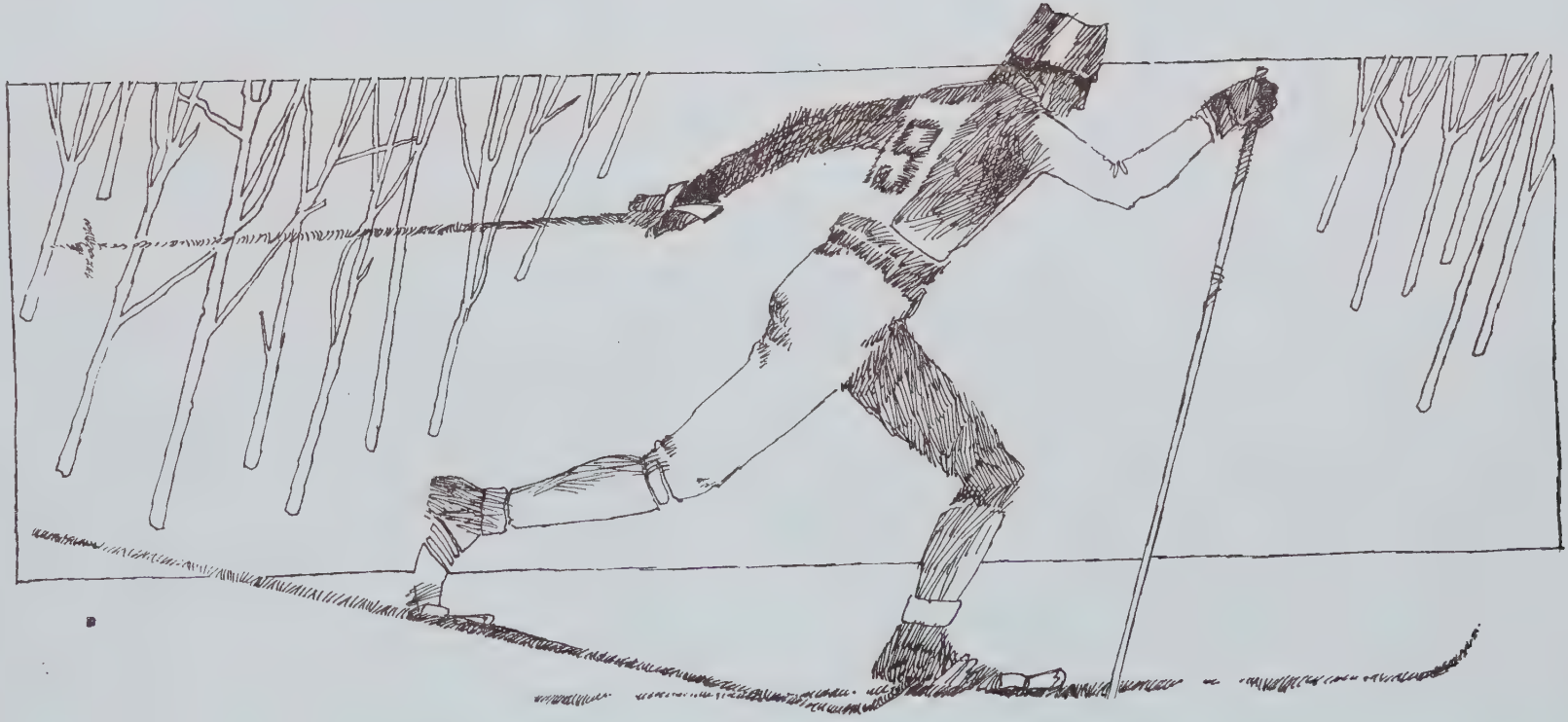
May 2—An old Eskimo game for everyone to have and to take part in and it will be mostly women at that game.

June—People to be in tents and also men to have all caribou clothing on and same with women and also other games to be played at that time.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenir items.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.



INUVIK

January 31—Centennial Dance.

February 4—Inuvik Snowmobile Competition.

February 21—Regional Snowmobile Races.

February 28—Centennial CBC Search for Talent.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 28-29—Centennial Play.

March 30 - April 4—Top of the World Ski Meet.

April 3-5—Muskrat Jamboree.

April 23—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run —Arrives in Inuvik.

May—Lions' Walkathon.

June—Travelling Artists Perform in Inuvik.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 21—R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

July 3—Sports Day—Canoe and Kayak Races.

July 6-7—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 10-12—Aviation Council Fly-In.

July 17-19—Northern Games.

July 27—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race Ends.

August—Wild Life Exposition.
Entertainment Group visits Inuvik.

September 4-7—Klondike Daze Carnival.

October—Arctic Film Festival.

November—Arctic Institute Community Development Conference (Research Lab.).

December—Festival of Delta Drummers and Dancers.

Collection of Northern Native Legends.

Exchange of drum dancers with other Communities.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

JEAN MARIE RIVER

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

March 23—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.
Improve Dock and Wharf area.

Clean-up village.

Build camping area for tourists.

Building of two new homes in Jean Marie River.

Skidoo Race from Fort Simpson to Jean Marie River.

School Fine Arts Program.

KAKISA LAKE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

Installation of emergency radio.

Log cabin accommodation for fishermen.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

LAC LA MARTRE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Fishing Lodge.

Air Strip (local).

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

LAKE HARBOUR

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

April 19—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships.

Summer Games—8 games defined.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

NAHANNI BUTTE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

NORMAN WELLS

January 1—Centennial Celebrations.

February 21—Inuvik Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

March 7—Centennial Search for Talent (CBC).

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 20-22—Spring Carnival including Centennial Dance.

April 3—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

May—Welcome sign completion.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 18—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race

August 30—Picnic Area, Jack Lake, Completion.

October 30—Outdoor Skating Rink.
Centennial Album, Photos and Commentary
School Fine Arts Program.

PANGNIRTUNG

January 1—Watchnight service, five ski-doo races, games and outdoor, all night dance.
Prizes for skidoo races donated by H.B.C., R.C.M.P. and D.I.A.N.D.

February 13—Return of the sun celebrations, indoor games and dance.

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

March 30—Easter Monday ski-doo races.

April 18—Igloo Building race, scrambling under nets, ice sculpture competition and outside games.

April 19—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.

May 2—H.B.C. Tercentenary Celebrations.

June 6—Seal-hunting competition.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Foot race up Mount Duval, height 2,000 feet. Centennial Ball.

August 1—Rod and line fishing competition.

September 7—Canoe races.

October 31—Hallowe'en Dance and firework display.

November 11—Harp-seal hunting competition.

December 26—Ski-doo races.

December 31—Dance, games and watchnight service.

Supply furnishing and equipment for the new community hall extension which is to be built in the Fall of 1970.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

Types of Games: Ski-doo Races, Seal Hunting Contest, Carving Contest, Ice Fishing Contest, Igloo Building Contest, Skinning and Stretching Contest, Harpooning Contest, Bow and Arrow Contest, Bannock Baking Contest, Bonfire Making on Snow Contest, Race to Broughton Island, Skinning and Scraping Seals for Non-Eskimo Women, Skidoo Treasure Hunt, Seal Net Crawling Contest, Markmanship Contest, Whip Competition, Sewing Competition, Target Hitting with Stones—For Ladies, Float Making Contest, Tug of War, Igloo Building for Non-Eskimos.

PAULATUK

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

February 28—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

PELLY BAY

December 31—Community Dinner—local food.

Eskimo games and celebrations.

Presentation and reading of Centennial Scroll to community by Administrator Frank Gonda.

Midnight Mass.

January 1—Skidoo Races: Solomon Akoyuitok, first place; Mahahe Noartook, second place

January 1—Dog Team Races: Henry Okralok, winner.

Games and Drum Dance.

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

Easter Week—Centennial Talent Show (concert) tape to be sent to CBC.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 1—Sports Day.

July 15—Fishing Derby (when river opens up).

Expansion of Pelly Bay Lodge to accommodate more tourists.

School Fine Arts Program.

PINE POINT

March 1—Host Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 18—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

March 19—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Hay River.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 8—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 8—Indian Princesses Visit.

July—Sports Day.

August—Picnic.

August—Visit of Bush Pilots' Memorial Flight.

Hallowe'en Party.

Christmas Party.

New Year's Eve Party.

Snowmobile Rally.

Daily Tour of Mines.

Development of a campsite 20 miles from town.

School Fine Arts Program.

POND INLET

February 14—Fifty mile skidoo race.

February 16—Building of a 24-foot diameter igloo, fully equipped, old style.

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

School Fine Arts Program.

March 14—Sewing competition.

April 15—Start of Canon Turner Memorial Trip.

Sixty-mile dog team race.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.

May 2—Annual Spring Games.

May 15—Seal Hunting Competition, with guns

May 18-20—Seal cleaning competition.

June 2—Kayak making competition.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 22—Seal hunting competitions with harpoons only.

PORT BURWELL

March 13—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Frobisher Bay.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championship in Frobisher Bay.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

RAE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Skating Rink.
Playground.
Swimming Pool.
Centennial Post Card.
School Fine Arts Program.
Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

RANKIN INLET

December 26-30—Rankin Inlet Winter Carnival.
Keewatin Curling Championship Bonspiel.
Eskimo Skill Competition for Arctic Winter Games.
Igloo building contest.
Rope Gymnastics.
Pin and Ring Game.
Whip Cracking Contest.
Strength in Pulling Contest.
Keewatin Regional Centennial Snowmobile Race.

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

March 5—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

April 29—Canadian Armed Forces Centennial Parachute Demonstrations.

April—Eastern Region Dogsled Mail Run.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

Summer—Summer Festival—Eskimo tents, food, clothing, games and dances.

Recreation Hall.

Production and Erection of a Ceramic Centennial Symbol inside the Recreation Hall.

Promotion of Marble Island as a Tourist Attraction.

Post Card publicizing Rankin Inlet Centennial souvenirs in ceramics and stone.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

REPULSE BAY

February 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

March 6—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

Cultural Preservation Centre—a collection of Eskimo songs, legends, games.

Construction of a covered winter skating rink to be used as a greenhouse in summer.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

RESOLUTE BAY

December 31, 1969—10:00 p.m. Mass.

January 1—12:00 New Year's Celebrations, games.

February 13—Ladies' Sewing Bee, Ladies' Sack Race.

February 16—Skidoo Race.

March—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 27—Igloo building contest.

April 17—Wrestling, Hand and Foot Race.

April 18—Baffin Region Snowmobile Championships in Frobisher Bay.

May 15—Fiddle and Guitar Contest.

May 29—Baseball.

June 6—Five Hour Seal Hunt (Harpoons only).

June 13—Seal Cutting Contest (men).
Seal Skinning Contest (women).

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 26—Carving Bee.

July 1—Target Shooting (prizes on strings).

July 6—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 16—Ladies' Five Hour Fishing Contest.

August 8—Canoe Race.

August 15—Ladies' Berry Picking Contest.

August 21—Wading Race.

September 4—Bird Hunting Contest.

October 13—Blindfold Wives—Husband Finding Contest.

November 11—Whip Cracking Contest.

December 24—All night dance.
Community Hall.
Igloo (for tourist attraction).
Construction of an old-time sod smokehouse.
School Fine Arts Program.

SACHS HARBOUR

February 7-8—Local Skidoo Championship (50 miles).

February 21—Participation in Regional Skidoo Championships. Inuvik.

February 28—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.

March 10-14—To Arctic Winter Games: Polar Skiers belonging to Territorial Team. Girls.

March 29 - April 4—Top of the World Ski Championships. Inuvik.

April—Participation in Beluga Festival at Tuktoyaktuk.

May 1-2-3—White Fox Jamboree . . . the Big Event of the Year.

Fox skinning and stretching.

Igloo building.

Polar ski races.

Games, etc.

May 15-17—Fishing and Camping Contest at Fish Lakes.

Spring—Participation in Spring Safari from Holman Island.

June—Sealing Contests by dog team and skidoo.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

Summer—Unveiling of Mary Sachs Monument.

Publication of Banksland Story.

July 1—Sports Day—a grand picnic (without mosquitoes).

Participation in Delta Summer Games—Inuvik.

Seal Hunts on ice floe and Polar Bear Picture taking.

An elaborate Summer Playground.

Handicraft and fur displays.

School Fine Arts Program.

SNOWDRIFT

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Washhouse and laundry equipment.

Completion of the Community Hall.

Air Strip (local).

School Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

SPENCE BAY

March 7—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Cambridge Bay.

April 4—Central Arctic Coast Regional Snowmobile Championships in Cambridge Bay.

May 1-2-3—Flipper Carnival — Skidoo races, dog races, Eskimo games, building of snow houses, etc.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July—Fishing Contest — prizes for biggest, smallest and most fish.

Summer—A meeting between Spence Bay and Gjoa Haven. People will meet at a place

halfway between the two settlements for games, festivities, etc.

Community Hall.

School of Fine Arts Program.

TROUT LAKE

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Fishermen's accommodations in the form of single unit log cabin.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

TUKTOYAKTUK

January 1—Centennial Bonfire and Celebrations. Races, Eskimo Games.

February 21—Mackenzie Delta Region Snowmobile Championships in Inuvik.

February 28—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Inuvik.

April 18-19—Beluga Jamboree.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 6—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 15—Centennial Holiday and Beluga Carnival.

Northern Community Adoption Program.

Reconstruction of an old Eskimo House.

Cairn to be erected at Kittigazuit.

August—Eskimo tradition: Big meal on the first whale caught and Canadian Film.

September—Roofing of the Curling Rink and Canadian Film.

October—Eskimo game (Nugluktar) and Canadian Film.

November—Official Opening of the Curling Rink and Canadian Film.

December 31—Renew same celebrations as that of previous Candle Parade—including Open Fire, Comments on Centennial Year, refreshments inside.

School Fine Arts Program.

Production of Centennial Souvenirs.

TUNGSTEN

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

Curling Rink.

School of Fine Arts Program.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

WHALE COVE

December 31—Candle Parade to Community Hall, including Open Fire, raising of flag and short explanation of Centennial Events, Refreshments inside and dance for everyone.

January 1—Outdoor activities under leadership of Aliyak and setting up of children's kites.

January 2—Eskimo legend depicted on tent stage and Canadian Film.

March 21—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Baker Lake.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

March—Anaulijaq (Eskimo baseball) and Canadian Film.

April—Avatar (Eskimo skipping game).

April—Eastern Dogsled Mail Run.

Football, races for children, Canadian Film.

May—Hiding Day and Canadian Film.

June—Fishing and Hunting Outing and Canadian Film.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July—Canadian Film and laying of the first stone for the Curling Rink.

School Fine Arts Program.

WRIGLEY

January—Community Dinner.

March 1—Upper Mackenzie Region Snowmobile Championships in Pine Point.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent in Yellowknife.

March—Sports Day, Dog Races and Games.

March 28—Western Region Dogsled Mail Run.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

July 14—Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race.

School Fine Arts Program.

September—Completion of Community Hall.

YELLOWKNIFE

December 31, 1969—Fireworks and Bonfire, Frame Lake.

New Year's Eve Ball (one or more).

January 1—Ceremonies marking establishment of Yellowknife as a city (Capital City of the N.W.T.).

January 12—Commissioner's Ball.

February 10-12—Alberta Senior Curling Playdowns (Seagrams)

February 20-22—Legion Curling Playdowns.

February 21-24—Indian Brotherhood General Assembly.

February 14—Ukrainian Festival.

March 8-10—Visit of Prime Minister's Centennial Tour.

March 9-14—Host to Arctic Games.

March 9-16—VE8 QSO Party (Amateur Radio).

March 13—Centennial CBC Search for Talent Yellowknife, local.

March 14—Centennial CBC Regional Search for Talent, Yellowknife.

March 13-15—Caribou Carnival.

March 30—Centennial CBC N.W.T. Search for Talent Grand Finale.

March 31 to April 2—Worker's Conference, Evangelical Fellowship of the N.W.T.

April 18—Square Dance Jamboree.

May 4, 5, 6—Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta (Singing North Group).

May 6—Y.W.C.A. Annual Centennial Meeting.

May 15-17—Final Judging of Eskimo Art Competition.

May 16-18—Elks Centennial Convention of BPOE.

May 17, 18 and 24, 25—Vancouver Canadian Men's Club Visit (90).

May 31 to June 7—Northern Ophthalmological Congress.

June 12-15—Mine Rescue Competition.

June—Visit of Outdoor Writer's Association Group.

June 15—Visit of Survey 70.

June 19-20—R.C.M.P. Band Tour.

June 20—R.C.M.P. Day.

June 20—Centennial Italian—Canadian Festival (The Festival will include a concert, dance, barbecue and banquet—a prominent Italian Tenor and Soprano and the Italian Ambassador have been invited to attend).

June 20—DMS Centennial Celebration.

June 21—Annual Midnight Sun Golf Tournament.

June 21-25—Federal/Provincial Liquor Conference.

June 19 or 26—Sportsmen's Dinner (Elks).

July 1—Canada Day Festivities.

July 7-10—Visit of Centennial Royal Tour.

July 9—National Indian Princess Pageant.

July 6-11—Indian Arts and Crafts Finalist's Display.

Eskimo Arts Council—Sculpture Display.

July 14-19—Federal/Provincial Wildlife Conference.

Public Barbecue and festivities at unveiling of Old Providence Archaeological Site.

July 15—Natal Day Ceremonies.

July 22—D.O.T. Coast Guard Day Display.

July 7-20—Open Road Campers.
"Arctic Safari". "Wheels Afield" Caravan.

August 3-6—Old Timer's Reunion.
Visit of Bush Pilots Memorial Flight.
Hospitality House in Basement of United Church (United Church Women).

August 8—Franklin Overland Re-tracing.
Wine and Cheese Party (Chamber of Mines).
Outdoor Topical Revu (Theatrical Society).

September 8-10—Communications Conference

September 16-18—Science Council Conference

November—Canadian Foundation on Alcoholism (12 man executive).
Community Centre Complex.

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES CENTENNIAL DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

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ROYAL TOUR

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales and Her Royal Highness, The Princess Anne have graciously consented to tour the Northwest Territories during Centennial Year 1970.

The Royal Tour will begin in Frobisher Bay on July 5 and end in Yellowknife on July 10. During their five days in the Territories they will also visit Resolute Bay, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Smith, Pine Point and Fort Providence. Wherever possible arrangements will be made for representatives from nearby communities to be brought in to participate in the activities at each of the tour centers.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the Royal Tour is truly Northern orientated, wherein Her Majesty can meet as many Northerners as possible and participate with them in Centennial celebrations.

Here are some of the things the Royal Family will see and do:

Frobisher Bay (July 5 - 6)

Tour the community.

Lay the cornerstone for the new Anglican "Igloo Cathedral".

Visit display of community handicrafts.

Attend short church service Apex Village.

Resolute Bay (July 6)

Tour the settlement.

Visit a traditional Eskimo sod house.

View Eskimo crafts and activities presentation.

NOTE: The Duke of Edinburgh and The Prince of Wales will also visit Eureka.

Inuvik (July 6)

Official welcome and view Boy Scouts, Guides, Army Cadets, etc., at airport.

Tour of community.

Tuktoyaktuk (July 6 - 7)

Visit Pingo Site.

Visit traditional Eskimo house.

Visit fur garment shop.

Attend community gathering.

View Eskimo drum dance.

View midnight sun.

Inuvik (July 7)

Visit craft shop.

Visit community hospital

Attend community lunch.

Visit Experimental Oil Pipeline.

Attend display of northern games and meet residents and winners of various events.

Yellowknife (July 7)

Official welcome and view Army Cadets, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, etc.

Tour of City.

Visit Con Gold Mine.

Fort Smith (July 8)

Official welcome and view Cadets, Girl Guides, Scouts, Legionnaires, etc.

Tour of community.

Attend community buffalo barbecue.

Visit museum display in gymnasium. (Grandin College).

The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales depart for Pine Point.

Visit old timers reunion celebrations.

Pine Point (July 8)

Visit open pit mine.

Visit mill.

Tour of community.

View parade of school children, Girl Guides, Scouts, etc.

Community reception.

Yellowknife (July 8)

The Queen's Message relay for the opening of the Commonwealth Games (Pettitot Park).

View special Eskimo Sculpture, Indian Arts and Crafts and Northern Paintings Exhibition.

Presentation of award winning sculpture to the Queen.

Presentation to Princess Anne of award winning entry.

The Prince of Wales and The Princess Anne attend informal barbecue at McNiven Beach.

Fort Providence (July 9)

Official welcome including presentation of Chiefs of N.W.T. Indian Bands.

Briefing on day's events.

Unveiling of National Historic Site commemorating voyage of Sir Alexander Mackenzie.

Attend opening of Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race. (The Duke of Edinburgh will start the Race).

Demonstration of Indian Games.

Visit Mackenzie barbecue with residents and visitors from all adjacent communities.

Yellowknife (July 9)

Visit City Hall (The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh).

Attend community sports.

View Indian Dance by residents of Fort Rae.

Attend rock drilling competition.

Crowning of winner of National Indian Princess contest by The Prince of Wales.

Reception.

Official banquet.

The Queen's radio broadcast to the people of the N.W.T. by special extended network.

Attend community concert.

Yellowknife (July 10)

Depart N.W.T. for Churchill, Manitoba.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CENTENNIAL TOUR

Their Excellencies, The Right Honourable Roland Michener, CC, CD, Governor General of Canada and Mrs. Michener are expected

to tour the Northwest Territories' Mackenzie Region August 17 to 25, 1970. The details of the tour will be published later.

PRIME MINISTER'S CENTENNIAL TOUR

Prime Minister Trudeau visited eight N.W.T. communities during the month of March.

On Thursday, March 5, he boarded an R.C.M.P. Twin Otter at Churchill for a visit to Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake. After overnighting at Baker Lake he met with people at Repulse Bay and Igloolik on March 6, spending the night in Igloolik.

The March 7 itinerary included Pelly Bay, Spence Bay and Cambridge Bay.

Sunday, March 8, the Prime Minister flew to Yellowknife for talks with Territorial Councillors.

Monday, in Yellowknife, he opened the First Arctic Winter Games and returned to Ottawa Tuesday.

COMPETITIVE EVENTS

SIR ALEXANDER MACKENZIE CANOE RACE

The Sir Alexander Mackenzie Canoe Race will be a colorful focal point of Centennial activity in the Mackenzie Region. The race will be restricted to twenty-five foot Voyageur-type, six-man canoes and will be open to all Canadians with the exception that at least 50 percent of the competitors must be residents of the N.W.T.

The race will begin with spectacular opening ceremonies in Fort Providence with the starting signal to be given by His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The race will end some 1,100 Mackenzie River miles later in Inuvik with gala festivities including presentation of prizes and a winners' banquet.

Enroute the race will stop at every major settlement for exhibitions and local festivities to encourage the competitors.

Canoes for the race will be provided. Entry for N.W.T. teams is free. Southern teams will be charged an entry fee of $500.00 which includes food during the race and return transportation from Inuvik to Hay River.

Any team wishing to enter should apply to the N.W.T. Centennial Center as soon as possible.

Dates:

July 9 — Start - Fort Providence.

July 27 — Finish - Inuvik.

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL SNOWMOBILE CHAMPIONSHIP

LOCAL EVENTS

Every community was invited to hold local snowmobile races. A book of rules and regulations was issued to all communities. Local courses were flexible to allow for differing conditions in each community. Two winners from each community were eligible to enter the regional races and transportation was provided.

REGIONAL EVENTS

The Keewatin regional race was held at Rankin Inlet, December 27-28, 1969. The Fort Smith Regional Race was held in Pine Point, March 1, the Central Arctic Coast Regional Race in Cambridge Bay on April 4, the Inuvik Regional Race in Inuvik February 21, and the Baffin Regional in Frobisher Bay on April 18.

FINAL EVENT

The N.W.T. Centennial Championship Race was held in Frobisher Bay during Toonik Tymne in the last week of April. Transportation was provided for the first and second place competitors from each of the five regional races. The final was 100 miles in length, run in 5 mile laps.

Prize money — $1,600.00 was divided as follows:

1st Prize	$700.00
2nd Prize	300.00
3rd Prize	200.00
4th Prize	150.00

5th Prize	100.00
6th Prize	75.00
7th Prize	50.00
8th Prize	25.00

NORTHERN GAMES 70 PLAYED IN JULY

Inuvik will host the first Northern Games on July 17, 18, 19 this summer. Participants are expected from across the N.W.T., Yukon and Alaska. Most of the traditional Eskimo and Indian games and customs are not widely known or practised today. The preparations for the Games and the events themselves will remind many of the old contests of strength and skill that are part of the cultural heritage of the Northern peoples.

These competitions, demonstrations and exhibits this summer will be one of the most fitting highlights of the Territorial Centennial celebrations. The dances, stories, crafts, garments and games of the North are a rich legacy. Many of these will be featured in July at this uniquely Northern gathering.

The Inuvik Northern Games Association is planning the Games as an occasion that will complement all other Centennial events and also serve to emphasize the special character and identity of the native people of the Northwest Territories.

The Northern Games Association, Box 1184, Inuvik, N.W.T., would be pleased to receive enquiries from anyone interested in the project.

TOP OF THE WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCH 29 - APRIL 6

Ski enthusiasts from 51 ski nations of the world were invited to the Top of the World Ski Championships in Inuvik this year.

The Northwest Territories Cross-Country Ski Association, The T.E.S.T. Program, the Inuvik Ski Club, and the Canadian Ski Association, sponsors of the project, extended a friendly welcome to all F.I.S. affiliated National Associations officials and competitors.

International press and national television crews covered the event as the world's top cross-country skiers vied for honours 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Mr. Bjorger V. Pettersen, Box 1651, Inuvik, was the Tournament Chairman.

HAM OPERATORS' CONTEST

The Yellowknife Centennial Amateur Radio Club in conjunction with other ham operators in the N.W.T. have organized a VE8 Q.S.O. party as part of their Centennial activities.

Certificates will be awarded to the top scorer in each ARRL section and country with a trophy to the leading "OUTSIDE" station.

A special Centennial Ham Radio Station, VE8NWT, has been established in Centennial Center, Yellowknife, to assist in communications throughout Centennial year.

CENTENNIAL FISHING CONTEST

A territorial-wide fishing contest will be held May 15 to October 15, 1970. Winning trophy entries based on witnessed weights in local derbies may be entered at the territorial level which will provide trophies to

the top fishermen in each category. The contest will be rod and reel only, and the categories are Arctic Grayling, Lake Trout, Arctic Char and Great Northern Pike.

TRACK MEET SET FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

An Elementary Track Meet to include competitors from Fort Smith, Hay River, Yellowknife, Pine Point and Inuvik, has been slated for Fort Simpson for July 13 to July 15, 1970.

The meet will include bantam, midget and juvenile competitors events in sprints, races up to 1,500 meters, high jump and long jump.

The Department of Education has pledged financial support to the project and final planning is underway.

CENTENNIAL YEAR FIRST ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

The First Arctic Winter Games were held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories March 9-14, 1970.

The elimination trials leading up to the Games took place between January 31 and February 1. The Northwest Territories hosted the trials in the communities of Inuvik, Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Hay River, Baker Lake and Frobisher Bay. In the Yukon, trials were held in Whitehorse.

Alaska held its trials in Fairbanks, Juneau and Ketchican. The Northwest Territories had 850 athletes competing in the trials, the Yukon 500 athletes and Alaska 1,200 American athletes competing to qualify for the Arctic Games.

The 750 Arctic athletes at the Games, composed of Indians, Eskimos and Whites, held competitions in ten sports and some eighty separate events, such as badminton, basketball, boxing, curling, figure skating, hockey, shooting, cross-country skiing, table tennis, and volleyball. Each sport included junior and "open-age" categories.

Winners received Arctic Games medals in the form of miniature"ULU"s in gold, silver and copper, bearing the three interlocking circles of the Games' symbol.

Traditional Indian and Eskimo games were featured as demonstrations during the Arctic Games. Rich in culture, these included the ring and pin game, whip contest, harpoon throwing, seal hook throwing, drum dancing and many other authentic native contests.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau opened the First Arctic Winter Games in Yellowknife on March 9.

Notes:

HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENTS

CANON TURNER MEMORIAL TRIP

This event commemorated the earlier travels of Canon Turner. The event originated in Pond Inlet on March 23 and was carried out by dogsleds visiting Igloolik, Moffat Inlet, Arctic Bay and returned to Pond Inlet. Cairns enclosing memorial tablets will be erected at each centre.

DAWSON PATROL

Eleven dog teams from Fort McPherson followed the historic R.C.M.P. route from Fort McPherson to Dawson, Yukon. The journey commemorated all the R.C.M.P. patrols between Fort McPherson and Dawson.

EXTRACT FROM INUVIK "THE DRUM"

"The Dawson Patrol is getting ready for the long trip by dog team between Fort McPherson and Dawson, approximately 500 miles.

"Old time winter clothing are being made out of Caribou skin. These are clothing long forgotten by us, and it will be quite an experience to see how the old timers dressed when going on trips of this nature.

"My father (Charlie Stewart) was police patrol guide 1910-12. Also my husband, Rev. James Simon, guided the police patrol. This is why the Dawson Patrol interest me very much.

"The old timers now living are very excited over the Dawson Patrol, and would do any-

thing to be part of the Patrol, but they know what the trip is like, it's a hard, cold and tiresome trip.

"Trails will have to be broken, and recut in many places since the trails have not been used for years now.

"It's a trip of trial, to separate the men from the boys.

"It should be very exciting and full of experience.

"And I think these men should be commended on their venture, to challenge the life of our ancestors."

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The Dawson-McPherson runs were discontinued with the advent of the aircraft in the north but the men of those patrols, the Indians that guided them and the dramatic stories still told about them, will forever remain foremost in the annals of Arctic Travel.

Opening ceremonies in Fort McPherson were held on February 16. A gala reception was held in Dawson on arrival of the Patrol on March 14 by Dawson City and the Yukon Government.

CENTENNIAL DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

One of the major events in Centennial Year was the re-enactment of two historic dogsled mail runs which helped to provide some of the early communication links in the North.

Surviving mail carriers assisted in planning the events and celebrations in their honour were held in each settlement enroute.

The Runs were conducted in relays from settlement to settlement with each community providing a dog team, sled and driver for its leg of the run.

The first run, the Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run, originated in Fort Smith on March 15, 1970 and followed the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik approximately April 19, 1970.

The second run, the Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run, was held in the Keewatin Region originating in Churchill on April 4, 1970. The route will be between Churchill, Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet.

A limited number of special commemorative covers (envelope size 3⅝ x 6½ with or without enclosure), were carried on each run. The attractive cover design, in four colors, depicts a typical mail sled, dog team and driver with an inscription to identify the two separate runs.

On arrival at the final destination each cover was authenticated with a special stamping certifying that the letter was carried on the run and indicating the point of origin and each leg of the journey.

The Canadian Post Office official N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Stamp was then affixed and the letter mailed to the subscriber or to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories through the post office at the end of the run. The Centennial Stamp is in two colours and is a reproduction of a famous soapstone print entitled the enchanted owl, by a Cape Dorset artist.

A small quantity of mail addressed to Centennial Center was carried on each run enabling late subscribers to have the benefit of a valuable collectors item.

FRANKLIN OVERLAND RE-TRACING

DESCRIPTION

Eric Morse with eleven Barrenland Voyageurs will retrace Sir John Franklin's overland journey to the Arctic Ocean. The canoe party will split at Fort Enterprise, half proceeding to Coppermine, the other half to Yellowknife.

DATES

July	18	— Ceremonies at Obstruction Rapids.
August	7	— Arrive Coppermine.
August	8	— Arrive Yellowknife.

BUSH PILOTS RE-ENACTMENT FLIGHT

Another special contribution to the N.W.T. Centennial by the City of Edmonton is the Bush Pilots Re-enactment Flight.

Two vintage bush planes will be sent on a barnstorming tour from Hay River to Yellowknife and along the Mackenzie River to Inuvik. Former bush pilots will take part in the tour.

One of the airplanes is a Stinson Reliant being refurbished by Tundra Technical Industries Limited and the other is a reconstructed Fairchild model 17, owned by George LeMay of Calgary. The Tour will begin in Yellowknife carrying four former bush pilots in Snoopy helmets. The stops will include Hay River, Pine Point, Fort Simpson, Wrigley, Fort Norman, Norman Wells,

Fort Good Hope, Fort Franklin, Aklavik and Inuvik. The vintage aircraft will be accompanied where possible by a DC4 carrying members of the Quarter Century Club.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS

CARNIVALS AND JAMBOREES

Throughout the Territories communities are planning to expand their many colourful annual Carnivals and Jamborees to ensure that our Centennial Year will be remembered for many years to come.

Toonik Tyme in Frobisher Bay, a colourful week-long festival which this year will also include the Baffin Regional and the N.W.T. Championship Snowmobile Races. The three day Keewatin Winter Carnival held in Rankin Inlet, bigger and better than ever before.

Wood Buffalo Frolics in Fort Smith, a three day event including traditional and other activities of all kinds. Ookpik Days in Hay River, Mad Trapper's Rendezvous in Aklavik, White Fox Jamboree in Sachs Harbour, the Beluga Carnival and the Beluga Jamboree in Tuktoyaktuk, Klondike Daze in Inuvik, Ptarmigan Carnival in Fort Resolution and the Caribou Carnival in the capital City of Yellowknife and many, many others.

For exact dates of these events turn to Section 2 — (Community Events and Projects).

THE CITADEL-ON-WHEELS

Another special contribution to the N.W.T. Centennial by the City of Edmonton was to convert the Edmonton Citadel-On-Wheels into a Theatre-On-Wings for a two week tour of Inuvik, Norman Wells, Hay River, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Yellowknife and other communities.

The Theatre-On-Wings was primarily aimed at school children and afforded them an opportunity to participate actively in theatre.

Adults were not forgotten though and were engaged in the evenings.

The tour was carried out in late April and early May.

R.C.M.P. BAND TOUR

The R.C.M.P. Band will tour a part of the Mackenzie Region as one of their contributions to Centennial '70.

Their itinerary is as follows:

Hay River	June 17
Fort Smith	June 18
Yellowknife	June 19 and 20
Inuvik	June 21
Cambridge Bay	June 22

C.B.C. CENTENNIAL CONCERT PARTY

By special arrangements between the C.B.C. and the Department of National Defence, a large scale concert party headed by Miss Canada entertained in Inuvik on February 6 and Yellowknife on February 7. The local Centennial Committees in each case were responsible for the hall, billeting of the entertainers and staff.

CENTENNIAL SEARCH FOR TALENT

The Centennial C.B.C. Search for Talent Program was designed to encourage participation and involvement of all N.W.T. communities in the performing arts.

The program consisted of judging the best community entries at a series of regional shows which were taped by C.B.C. staff for subsequent broadcast. The first and second place winners were eligible to compete in a Territory-wide Grand Finale Show held in Yellowknife.

A talent show was held in each of the following host communities: Inuvik, Norman Wells, Hay River, Cambridge Bay, Resolute Bay, Baker Lake, Frobisher Bay, Yellowknife.

These shows were open to entries from all communities in that area. For purposes of the competition, each community was assigned to a particular region. Trophies were presented to the first, second and third place winners of the regional competitions.

The first and second place winners of each regional show participated in the Grand Finale and were provided with transportation to, as well as meals and accommodation in Yellowknife. Prizes for the winners at the Grand Finale were as follows:

First	$300.00 and a trophy
Second	$200.00 and a trophy
Third	$100.00 and a trophy

The Grand Finale was held in Yellowknife on the 30th of March, 1970.

C.B.C. "CENTENNIAL 70" PROGRAM

Tune in each week to C.B.C. Radio's "Centennial 70" beginning Friday, January 2. Consult C.B.C. for regional schedules. For CFYK listeners, the time is 7:03 p.m.

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CULTURAL PROGRAMS

ESKIMO POINT LAUNCHES CULTURAL PROGRAM

The project began in Eskimo Point mid-October of 1969, and is presently slated to carry on through to May or June of 1970.

The crux of the program is based on a committee of hunters in Eskimo Point training the boys to live on the land successfully.

In January of this year the boys were being taught skills and techniques that could be learned near the settlement.

As soon as the most severe winter weather is over the boys will make trips with the hunters to practise the skills they have learned and learn trail lore as well.

To ensure that the boys are adequately clothed on the trips, the local ladies groups are making some suits of caribou clothes that will be loaned to boys who need them. Parents are being encouraged to make clothes for their own boys, however, so they will be able to go out on their own.

The program has been approved by the Regional Superintendent of Schools with lessons being held on Friday afternoons. Later the boys will be allowed a few days off school for their hunting trips. In addition to hunting and trapping on the land the boys are being taught other skills of cultural value. When needed, the hunters' committee has the support and assistance of the Adult Education Center and the Eskimo Point Residents' Association.

PUBLICATIONS

A Centennial publication by Rev. Ray Price on the human history of Central and Eastern Arctic to be entitled "The Howling Arctic". Eskimo Legends of many generations by Father Mettayer, O.M.I. Women of the North — a colourful book about outstanding women by Helen Burgess. The Banksland Story — history of Banks Island written by local residents. A collection of northern folklore, games and legends submitted by interested communities. A special collection of the histories of Roman Catholic missions in the Territories. Each mission will prepare its own story with final collation and editing under supervision of the Bishop of the Mackenzie.

PROJECT SURNAME

The Commissioner of the N.W.T. has designated Project Surname as an important Centennial project under the direction of the Territorial Secretary. The central objective of the project is the eventual elimination of the disc number system of identification for our citizens of Eskimo origin and its replacement with the surname system as used for all other Canadian citizens. The Project Director is Mr. Abe Okpik. The program was initiated in January, 1970 and, although it is hoped to complete the major part of the program in Centennial Year, the final completion will probably be in 1971-72.

NORTHERN COMMUNITY ADOPTION PROGRAM

The basic concept of this program is the adoption of northern communities by selected interested communities in Southern Canada. The objectives are to encourage increased knowledge of the North in Southern Canada by direct interchanges between communities. If there is sufficient interest this program will be developed beyond 1970.

ESKIMO BALLET "AKSALIYAK"

Another first in the Territories is the development of an Eskimo Ballet under the direction of Miss Helene Gagne. The dances include children and young people from every community in the Keewatin Region.

The name Aksaliyak was chosen because of its meaning which is Northern Lights. Northern Lights appears to the human as a kind of mysterious power having an infinite repertory of heavenly ideas. This is the beauty of the dance. The value of a gesture is that it is unique. It can never be reproduced because it depends on the inspiration of the dancer and his state of mind at the time he does the gesture. The dancer does not express himself with words. His body becomes his way to transmit his mind.

The broken line and the circle symbolize the situations which the twentieth century Eskimo has to face. The curve symbolizes the slow and regular rhythm of the Nomad who lives with the Time and Seasons, his peace and also the beauty of the country.

Then there is the Eskimo who takes pride in the new way of life; customs, and is brought to the confusion of modern life. The goal is to bring harmony in this human, belief in tradition while going towards the new world. This idea can be obtained by knowing ourselves.

This dance will simply show the beauty of the northerners, while being a way of education for the students of Central and Eastern Arctic.

In addition to various Northern Tours it is expected that the ballet will be presented in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria.

MANISPHERE 99

Manisphere 99 have offered to sponsor a travelling art exhibit of some 25-30 paintings to tour the North in Centennial Year. The tour is planned to begin in May 1970 and every effort is being made to have the show visit all interested communities.

In addition to providing the paintings, Manisphere has offered to provide all freight and insurance charges as their contribution to our N.W.T. Centennial.

DIOCESE OF MACKENZIE PROJECT

As a project of the Roman Catholic Diocese of the Mackenzie, His Excellency Bishop Paul Piche, O.M.I. advises each of the Oblate missionaries of the Diocese has been asked to outline the history of his mission area. As the work is completed the various reports will be published. Bishop Piche has also been invited to Fort Good Hope this summer.

Fort Good Hope residents will be removing a hundred year old bell from the Church and replacing it with a new bell. Bishop Piche is to bless the new bell; a Centennial blessing for a new bell to begin a new hundred years.

FORT SIMPSON STAGES NORTHERN ART COLLECTION

The Fort Simpson Community Club and the Thomas Simpson School have planned a joint venture that entails the collecting and displaying of Northern Art.

The groups intend to display the collection in the Community Center and the School in order that the collection can be appreciated by the entire community and visitors.

Donors contributing works of art will have their names on inscribed plates affixed to the display. The Fort Simpson Community Club will supply any further information to interested parties.

CENTENNIAL FLYING FILM FESTIVAL

Approximately 12 northern film packages will be compiled as a collaboration project by the National Film Board, N.W.T., Department of Edcuation and the Centennial Center. These packages will be made available to N.W.T. communities for showings in conjunction with local Centennial celebrations or events.

Brochures, including the films available in each package, will be provided to all communities.

KEEWATIN PHOTO STORY

Description:

Local residents of Keewatin settlements will record on 8mm film, the physical features, the cultural and social life of their own communities. These local films will then be combined, edited and circulated throughout the Keewatin and the rest of the Territories. Each communiy will be supplied with the necessary 8mm film.

NATIONAL INDIAN PRINCESS PAGEANT IN YELLOWKNIFE

Canada's National Indian Princess Pageant will be held in Yellowknife, July 6 to 9.

The Northwest Territories was chosen at a national meeting in Winnipeg in January, not only due to our Centennial but because many of the Indian delegates had never been north or even seen Eskimos and were enthusiastic at the possibility of both.

The time of the pageant will coincide with the Queen's visit to Yellowknife and a member of the Royal Family has graciously accepted the honour of crowning the winner of the National Indian Princess Contest.

In addition to being crowned and receiving a large number of gifts, the winner receives a trophy in the form of a feather. The feather is an Indian symbol of achievement.

Nine Canadian provinces and both Territories are expected to enter candidates. The contestant for the N.W.T. will be chosen in late June or early July.

Five Indians, one White and one Eskimo will serve as judges. At present only girls of Indian ancestory are eligible but it is hoped to eventually change the pageant from "Indian' 'to "Native' 'so that Eskimo girls can qualify.

In addition to beauty, contestants are judged on their poise, talent, knowledge of Indian customs and language.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

This program will be operated under the Department of Education in co-ordination with the Centennial Center. The program will involve every student in the Territories from Grade 1 to Grade 12 level including vocational courses. The program consists of:

Essay Contests of an historical or cultural nature.

Project Contest for occupational and vocational students. Projects will wherever possible, use an historical theme.

Collection of Folklore, Games & Legends—Students are encouraged to collect folklore, games and legends for the Centennial Anthology to be produced by the Departments of the Territorial Secretary and Information Services.

Centennial Medallion—Each student will be supplied with a medallion free of charge. However, the distribution will be worked into the overall school programs to provide incentives for competition submissions, etc.

School Closing Ceremonies — Special ceremonies will be held at the end of the school year marking the purpose and historic background of our Centennial. Each school will receive a copy of the historic transfer document through which the Northwest Territories was created.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

A Territorial Indian Arts and Crafts Competition is planned for Centennial Year sponsored by the Indian Brotherhood of the N.W.T. Details are still in the development stage but it will include traditional and contemporary divisions. It is hoped to conduct regional competitions and a final competition and exhibition in Yellowknife in July. Subsequently, the leading entries may be entered in a special N.W.T. division in the Canadian wide Canadian Guild of Crafts exhibition and competition to be held in Montreal on November 17, 1970.

ESKIMO ART COMPETITION FOR N.W.T. CARVERS

The Honourable Jean Chretien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has announced that an Eskimo sculpture competition will be held in the Northwest Territories this year.

This contest is being organized by the Canadian Eskimo Arts Council as its contribution to the Territorial Centennial Celebrations. The successful Eskimo sculptors will share $4,000 in prize money, donated by the National Museum of Man which is represented on the Arts Council.

The Canadian Eskimo Arts Council is an advisory body consisting of distinguished artists, museums and gallery experts, art critics, collectors and dealers appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to advise him and Eskimo artists on quality control and marketing from southern Canada and the Northwest Territories.

The competition, which is the first to be held on such a scale in the north, will be open to all Eskimos residing in the Northwest Territories. Competing artists may submit two works and materials must be either stone, bone or ivory, or a combination of these.

Preliminary selection will be made by members of the Eskimo Arts Council at Frobisher Bay, Cape Dorset, Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake, and they will carry out final judging at Yellowknife where selected works will also be placed on exhibition in July, 1970.

TRAVEL PROGRAMS

GROUP TOURS CENTENNIAL YEAR

Many group tours to the N.W.T. are being planned together with a number of boat tours down the Mackenzie River. The Open Road Campers Club of America, based at St. Petersburg, Florida, consisting of 35 to 40 units will visit Fort Smith, Hay River, Providence and Yellowknife during the period 5 July to 15 July. Another caravan, Wheels Afield Recreation Club, Los Angeles, California consisting of approximately 75 units will also visit the N.W.T. during 23 July to 7 August and will follow the same route as The Open Road Campers Club. Wally Byam Caravans will also visit south of the Mackenzie River probably in July. In addition, there will be a number of tours originating in Montreal. These tours are being programmed to fly over the North Pole and possibly terminate at Edmonton. Enroute there will be stopovers at a number of the communities in the N.W.T. There are many other tours being planned. Information concerning the details may be obtained through the Tourism Division, Government of the Northwest Territories.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Many organizations in the Territories are planning to take advantage of the Department of Secretary of State Travel and Exchange Program for Voluntary Agencies for exchanges of students and others between the Territories and southern Canada.

The Cambridge Bay Public School is planning an exchange with the Dartmouth Boys Club. The Eskimo Ballet is planning an exchange with a high school band in Victoria, B.C. The Yellowknife Lions Club is arranging an exchange between Yellowknife and Edmonton.

These programs will provide a substantial contribution to achievement of the Centennial objectives of increasing knowledge of the Territories in southern Canada and in return increasing northerners knowledge of the rest of Canada.

YOUNG VOYAGEUR CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

A total of 63 students ages 15-18 from the Mackenzie, Keewatin and Baffin regions will participate in this youth travel and exchange program in the summer of 1970.

Students from each region will travel to a host community in Southern Canada and in turn, Northern students will receive a similar number of Southern students in their communities.

N.W.T. Unit 150—consisting of 21 students from Inuvik, Hay River and Churchill schools will visit Toronto from end of June to mid-July.

N.W.T. Unit 151—consisting of 21 students from the Baffin Region will visit Winnipeg end of June to mid-July.

N.W.T. Unit 152—consisting of 21 students from the Upper Mackenzie Region (Yellowknife and Fort Smith Schools) will visit Charlottetown from end of June to mid-July.

Southern Unit—consisting of 21 students from Charlottetown will visit Fort Smith and Cambridge Bay from end of June to mid-July.

Southern Unit—consisting of 21 students from Winnipeg will visit Frobisher Bay from end of June to mid-July.

Southern Unit—consisting of 21 students from Thunder Bay will visit Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk from end of June to mid-July.

CENTENNIAL RESIDENT TRAVEL PROGRAM

The Resident Travel Program has been designed to foster the Centennial theme of Unity. Its specific objectives are to promote a better understanding of the Territories among its residents, to develop a sense of pride and identity as an essential prerequisite to the future social, economic and political development of the North.

The program will consist of a series of community resident exchanges primarily on an inter-regional basis integrated with an inter-ethnic and inter-cultural grouping.

Culmination of this program will be a "Unity Week" which is proposed to be held in Chesterfield Inlet.

BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 2nd Arctic and Northern Boy Scout Jamboree will be held in Churchill in July 1970. It is expected that 350 scouts from across the Northwest Territories will attend and the total number of scouts in attendance is expected to be about 1000.

BAKER LAKE — YELLOWKNIFE TREK

In April a group of ten residents set off from Baker Lake to travel cross-country to Yellowknife by skidoo.

The trip was sponsored by the Baker Lake Residents Association and the ten skidoos were provided by the Bombardier Company.

Fuel caches were placed enroute and the group carried radio direction-finding equipment and homing beacons.

This overland trek was a daring venture and the first time that this route has been traversed cross-country by man and snowmobile.

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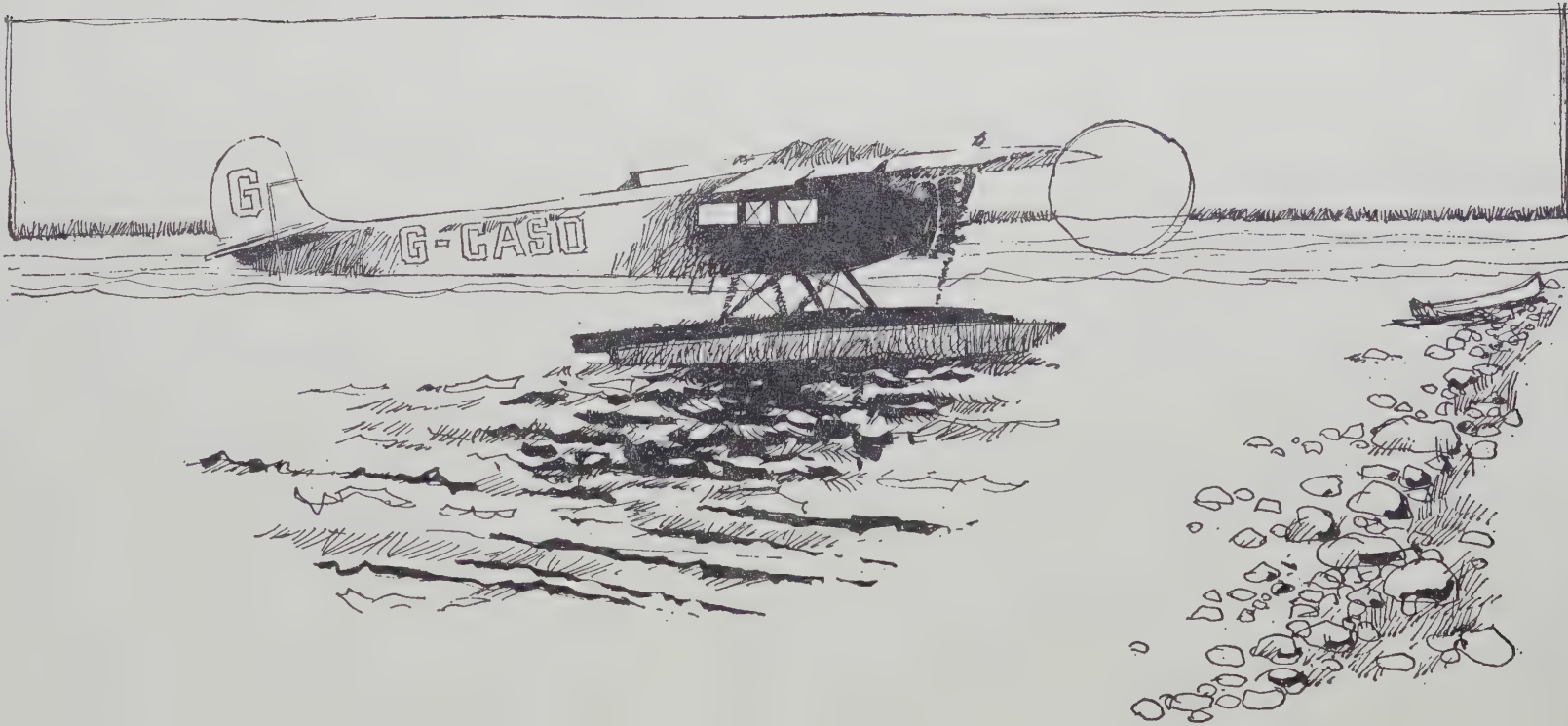
COMMUNICATION AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

SPECIAL RADIO NETWORK SPANS THE TERRITORIES ON CENTENNIAL NEW YEAR'S

The voice of Prime Minister Trudeau reached thousands of residents of the Northwest Territories in an historic special Centennial radio network broadcast from Yellowknife, January 1.

The pre-recorded Centennial Year opening message from the Prime Minister was followed by a live broadcast of Centennial messages from Northern Development Minister Chretien, Bud Orange, N.W.T., Member of Parliament, N.W.T. Commissioner S. M. Hodgson and the mayor of Yellowknife, which was proclaimed the first city in the N.W.T. earlier in the day.

The special network committee headed by Harold Brown, Manager of C.B.C. Station CFYK in Yellowknife, estimated the broadcast reached more than 90% of N.W.T. communities, through a combination of C.B.C. standard broadcast and shortwave facilities, CNT and Trans-Canada Telephone System lines as well as amateur radio station VE8NWT Yellowknife. Amateur operators throughout the North made their equipment available for reception of the program in their communities linking 25 amateur radio stations throughout the 1,300,000 square mile Territories, with the C.B.C. broadcast.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In his message to the southerners, the Prime Minister indicated it was unfortunate that it was not possible that every Canadian could see the vast expanse of the Territories. He alluded to Akaitcho, the Indian Chief who served as a guide for Sir John Franklin and encouraged young people to take pride in the accomplishments of their ancestors.

In many communities, residents gathered in community halls, private homes or other buildings to hear the messages and interpeters were present to translate the greetings into Indian or Eskimo dialects.

It is hoped to use these same networks for a special broadcast to the people of the Northwest Territories from Yellowknife by Her Majesty The Queen on July 9, 1970.

ARCTIC FLY-IN
INUVIK BOUND

This year, 1970, will witness the North's first Fly-In. On July 10, 11 and 12 the Inuvik Aviation Council will sponsor the first Fly-In north of 60. The occasion marks, not only N.W.T. Centennial but also the official opening of Inuvik's Intown Airstrip.

The Fly-In has already attracted a large number of hopeful participants. Pilots from as far away as Texas and New York states have applied. It is expected that at least fifty aircraft will attend the Fly-In. Regulations concerning those hoping to fly in are such that anyone carrying the proper survival gear and having sufficient experience to navigate in this type of country is eligible.

Since Inuvik can accommodate both wheel and float equipped aircraft of all sizes, it is expected that a wide variety of planes will be present.

As is the case with every Fly-In, a number of events are planned. In addition to the customary events such as aircraft judging and fly pasts, guests at this Fly-in will be treated to a caribou and arctic char barbecue, as well as demonstrations of northern games and flying excursions to a number of excellent fishing areas. And, while the anglers are away trying their luck those at home will be entertained by an airshow put on by our local pilots and members of the Armed Forces' Search and Rescue Squadron.

While in the Mackenzie Region it is expected that many of the visiting pilots will make side trips into surrounding settlements. For this reason the Inuvik Aviation Council in co-operation with the Centennial Committee in Inuvik, has requested the assistance of all peoples in the N.W.T. to welcome the Centennial Flyers.

NORTHERN COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

Foremost experts in the field of commuications will attend a Northern Communication Conference in Yellowknife, September 8 and 9. The conference will focus its attention on modern developments in the field of northern communication.

ARCTIC INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Arctic Institute of North America plans to hold a conference on northern community

development in Inuvik in November 1970. Delegates will be international experts in the field of community development in northern nations.

MACKENZIE RIVER
RED CROSS SURVIVAL PROJECT

Northern Transportation Barge 211

Fort Providence, Fort Good Hope, Aklavik

Inaugural Run — Centennial 70.

Serving other communities in succeeding years a floating swimming pool nicknamed "Corky"

Four swimming and safety instructors aboard including two northern boys trained at Sir Alexander Mackenzie School and Grandin College. Visits to above communities will enable many northerners, adults and children to learn the important aspects of water safety and survival.

This is a combined project of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the National Department of Health and Welfare, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and many other participating agencies along the way.

Starts ice break-up about June 1 to 15.

Ends about August 31.

Notes:

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CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE N.W.T.

The Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories is a non-profit corporation operating under the Societies Ordinance of the N.W.T. Its purpose is to solicit and receive funds from sources other than the Territorial Government, to be expended in aid of the Centennial program as defined by the Government of the N.W.T.

Officers of the Association are: Mr. John H. Parker, Deputy Commissioner, President; Mr. E. Alan Ballantyne, Director-General, Centennial, Vice President; Mr. Rod Morrison, Centennial Center, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. Charles McCurdy, Treasury Department and Mr. Jim Whelly, General Manager, Centennial Center, Technical Advisers.

Address of the Association is Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Some of the revenue-producing projects of the Association are: The Winchester N.W.T. Centennial Commemorative Rifle Patrons Program; sales of the official N.W.T. Centennial Medallion, souvenir Polar Bear License plate and Eastern and Western Dogsled Mail Run philatelic covers, as well as the official Centennial Calendar and Centennial souvenir catalogue.

The Association also solicits financial support from companies and corporations with operations in the Northwest Territories

THE OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL MEDALLION

An official Centennial Medallion will be produced by Centennial Center in 1970. The three dimensional medallion will have the

Centennial Symbol on one side and the Northwest Territories Coat of Arms on the other. The medallion will be distributed to school children in conjunction with the Centennial School Program. It will also be embedded in the stock of the Winchester Commemorative Rifle. A special package consisting of the medallion and the story of the N.W.T. Centennial will be available for sale to the general public.

The medallion is the first commemorative coin to be struck in Canada in a special alloy of nickel, aluminum and bronze.

Enquiries for the medallion from OUTSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

The Sherrit Mint,
Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

and Mayfair Jewellery and Coin Company,
10450 Jasper Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Enquiries for the medallion from INSIDE the Northwest Territories should be directed to:

Wholesale — Centennial Center,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Retail — Any Northern Retailer.

Price Bronze ..... $ 2.00 each
Silver ..... $15.00 each

Bronze medallion is packaged with the history of Centennial '70. Silver medallion is packaged in a presentation box.

Free medallions will be issued to every student in the N.W.T. in 1970.

CENTENNIAL FLAGS AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Every Centennial Committee in the N.W.T. is in the position to raise money through the sale of official Centennial flags.

The flags are manufactured under licence for Centennial Center and are supplied at cost price to Community Centennial Committees for retail sale. Profits on sales will provide additional funds for local Centennial projects.

5½" x 10" Centennial aerial flags and desk flags with stand-up bases are available in yellow, purple, red, green, blue and orange. larger flags; 36" x 72" are available in official white and the same colors as the desk flags.

All flags depict the official Centennial Symbol.

Centennial stick-on decals, also bearing the Centennial Symbol, are available from Centennial Center and through Community Committees.

THE N.W.T. CENTENNIAL MAP

The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources has agreed to produce a Centennial map for N.W.T. in 1970.

The pictorial portion of the map depicts most of the animals and birds of the north as well as the major mineral deposits. Historically, the map traces the routes of many early Arctic explorers. Mackenzie and Franklin in the west, McClure and Amundsen in the North, Frobisher and Hudson in the east.

The map itself is bordered with pen drawings of all of the Commissioners that have held office in the N.W.T.

Akaitcho, Matonabbee and Kiviuk are included in the body of the map.

These maps will be made available in the summer of 1970.

CENTENNIAL TOQUE (OFFICIAL CENTENNIAL HEADGEAR)

Duffle toques in navy, blue, white, green or red have been proclaimed the official 1970 N.W.T. Centennial headgear.

The toques are designed on the voyageur motif with hand stitched decorations including Centennial symbol on one side and a fall of native fur on the tip of the stitched down peak of the hat.

The Etsaredi Co-operative at Fort Rae, N.W.T., designed the toques and is the main producer.

Enquiries should be directed to any northern retailer or to the Etsaredi Co-operative, Fort Rae, N.W.T.

HEADING UP NORTH? GO BY POLAR BEAR

Over 16,000 Polar Bears will be on the roads through the N.W.T. in 1970.

In connection with Centennial celebrations the Territorial Government has replaced normal rectangular plates with the outline of the popular "Prowling Polar Bear" symbol.

Commissioner Stuart M. Hodgson who thought of the idea while driving in his car said, "We wanted to associate the go-

vernment with Centennial year and having adopted the bear as our symbol decided to use it for the licence plates.

Powder blue in colour the Polar Bears have white letters reading "Northwest Territories" the number below and "Centennial 1970" across the bottom.

Souvenir hunters and licence plate collectors have harassed the vehicle registry department in the past by removing the low number plates from parked cars. In spite of ordering twelve replicas of the "disappearing plates" Territorial Secretary Harold Cross fears more will be needed before the end of 1970.

Collectors pieces indeed are the "Royal Plates" — a gold painted crown substituted for the number — to be used on the Queen's car during her visit to the capital beginning July 5th.

But collectors need not despair — 500 sample plates numbered 000 have been made available — for sale to the general public.

Anyone wishing to obtain a souvenir plate should mail their order to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. Each order should be accompanied by:

A certified cheque or money order in the amount of $5.00 for each plate requested, made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL DOGSLED MAIL RUNS

One of the major events in Centennial Year was the re-enactment of two historic dogsled mail runs which helped to provide some of the early communication links in the North.

The first run, the Centennial Western Dogsled Mail Run originated in Fort Smith on March 15, 1970 and followed the Mackenzie River route to reach its final destination of Inuvik approximately April 23, 1970. The second run, the Centennial Eastern Dogsled Mail Run originated in Churchill on April 4, 1970 and terminated in Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet later in April 1970.

A limited number of special commemorative covers (envelope size 3⅝ x 6½ with or without enclosure), were carried on each run. The attractive cover design, in four colours depicts a typical mail sled, dog team and driver with an inscription to identify the two separate runs.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to either or both of these runs should mail their order to the Centennial Center, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. Each order should be accompanied by:

— A certified cheque or money order in the amount of $3.00 for each cover requested, made out to the Centennial Association of the Northwest Territories.

— Instructions concerning which Run and whether you wish to have the cover addressed to you or to the Centennial Center in Yellowknife. In the latter case the cover will be mailed to you in a separate envelope after arrival in Yellowknife.

A small quantity of mail addressed to Centennial Center was carried on each run enabling late subscribers to have the benefit of a valuable collectors item.

WINCHESTER COMMEMORATIVE RIFLE

"Winchester — the gun that won the Northwest Territories?" To a large extent this is true. And although the battles have been for man's survival against the harsh natural environment, rather than against bands of outlaws and 'wild' Indians, the struggle has been real and the Winchester rifle has played a key role.

Winchester Rifle Canada Ltd., under agreement with the N.W.T. Centennial Association, will design and produce a Centennial Commemorative Rifle. The rifle will be a Winchester 30-30, yellow gold plated with the Centennial Medallian embedded in the stock and suitably inscribed.

These rifles will be available to gun collectors and the general public through regular Winchester dealers in the latter half of 1970.

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR CATALOGUE

The N.W.T. Centennial Souvenir Committee in co-operation with the N.W.T. Centennial Center and with the assistance of the Department of Industry and Development has produced a catalogue of souvenir items. These items have been specially designed by artists and craftsmen across the Territories to commemorate Centennial Year and to display a sampling of the Arts and Crafts Industry in the North.

The catalogue itself will be available for sale to the general public. Enquiries should be directed to the N.W.T. Centennial Center, Yellowknife, N.W.T.

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL CALENDAR

A Territory-wide Centennial Calendar has been developed listing all identified community Centennial projects and events and every other known major regional or territorial event taking place during Centennial Year.

Two versions of the Calendar will be produced — a working calendar which will be distributed free throughout the Territories and in response to requests from Southern Canada — and a specially designed calendar in colour which will be distributed free to Community Centennial Committee members and will also be available for sale to the general public.

Enquiries should be directed to the N.W.T. Centennial Center in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

N.W.T. CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

An historic leap forward in the devolopment of Canada, the formation of the Northwest Territories, will be commemorated on a Canada Post Office stamp in 1970, Postmaster General Eric Kierans has announced. The Northwest Territories celebrates its official Centennial year in 1970.

An Imperial Order in Council which took effect on July 15, 1870 created the Northwest Territories from Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory.

"In 1970," the Post Office Department's news release said, "inhabitants of this vast region, more than one-third of Canada's total area, will place emphasis on unity, not only with respect to all Canada but between the Eskimos, Indians and other Canadians who work together in developing the Territories' component areas of Franklin, Mackenzie and Keewatin."

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GRETTA KELUAK, 100

'THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING'

According to the R.C.N.W.M.P. disc list, Gretta Keluak of Baker Lake is going to be celebrating her hundredth birthday in 1970, the same year the Northwest Territories celebrates her Centennial. Gretta Keluak is a widow with three of her children alive. She lives with her son Nugyogalik, who now has about eight children — two of his daughters are now married. Mrs. Keluak has been living in Baker Lake since 1958.

Most of her life, Keluak has lived the life of the Eskimo, moving from one place to the next, following game. She recalls the first white man who was a clerk at Coppermine. Coppermine was also the first place where she saw a house. Keluak also told me of an "ungatkoak" (shaman), who just by seeing Keluak and her husband, knew where they came from. The man wound a rope and placed it around her shoulders. The rope was to keep all sickness away, if she wore it all the time. Keluak took it off when she became a Christian.

"I am now enjoying the comforts of a house, I only have to go to The Bay for food. I am thankful for everything!" Mrs. Gretta Keluak says.

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HISTORY OF CENTENNIAL

In the year 1868 the British Imperial Parliament passed the Rupert's Land Act. The document authorized the sale to Canada of immense tracts of land known as Rup Land and the North-Western Territory.

The Federal Government of Canada, immersed at that time, in another austerity pro took a year to raise the £300,000 necessary for the purchase. Full title to the land transferred to the Dominion of Canada in 1870 and an Order in Council establish as part of the Dominion of Canada to be known as the Northwest Territories.

From the "Territories" sprang Alberta, Saskatchewan, most of Manitoba, Quebec Ontario, Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories as we know it today.

It is the historic Order in Council of 1870 that the Northwest Territories Cente commemorates and celebrates. From this one far-sighted act Canada grew from a country huddled along the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and the Atlantic seab to a mighty nation stretching north to the Arctic Ocean and west to the Pacific.

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